

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 299
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mildred Ribble upon the occasion of her being posthumously selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially remember those outstanding teachers who devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, the late Mildred Ribble was one such estimable educator, who distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ribble was recently posthumously inducted into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ribble joined the ranks of numerous educators who have been previously inducted into the circle of honor at the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame, which is co-sponsored each year by Middle Tennessee State University and overseen by a Board of Governors that represents major educational organizations statewide; and

WHEREAS, wholly deserving of this honor, Mildred Ribble served with acumen and alacrity as a business, accounting, and typing teacher for forty-five years at Hay Long High School and Mt. Pleasant High School; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ribble began teaching in the late 1920's, and she maintained high standards of classroom conduct and educational achievement until her retirement in the early 1970's; and

WHEREAS, a strict disciplinarian, Mildred Ribble earned the respect of her students and taught them appropriate professional conduct, responsibility, and self-respect; and

WHEREAS, she was an extremely talented and compassionate educator who worked assiduously during her career to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as students and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a faithful Christian witness, Mildred Ribble evinced her devout religious faith as a dedicated and active member of the First Baptist Church of Mt. Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Ribble truly served as an inspiration to the educational community of Tennessee, and her friendship and counsel were highly valued by those who were fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Ribble epitomized the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Mildred Ribble truly epitomized the ideal of the dedicated teacher wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and her life of service should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor the memory of Mildred Ribble upon the occasion of her being posthumously selected to the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame and reflect fondly upon her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.